2. The polling officer shall be the President, Vice-President or Chief Officer as the case may be. In case there is more than one polling station, the President may depute a member or members of the Council as polling officer or officers.

3. The certified results of the elections shall be sent to the President who will report the same to the Government for being notified in the Gazette.

C.—Associations representing Special Interests and Minorities.

The election of a member by an association recognised by Government for the representation of a special interest or a minority under the rules framed by them on that behalf shall be made at a general meeting at which not less than 25 per cent of the number of members of the association or 50 members whichever is less, are present. The roll of membership of the association referred to in Rule (d) of the rules laid down in para 23 of G. O. No. 1367-1426—C. B. 100-23-1, dated the 27th October 1923 shall be conclusive evidence of the membership of the association.

When any special interest or minority is represented through more than one association or through an association with branches which are grouped together by Government under rule (c) of the rules referred to above for the election of a member or members to be returned for the representation of the special interest or minority concerned, Government may appoint a special officer for preparing the roll of electors and the conduct of elections. Such special officer shall have power, subject to the general or special orders of Government, to arrange for the poll and declare the results.

In the case of the constituencies formed for the representation of the Mysore University and legal interests, the Registrar of the Mysore Univerisity and the Registrar of the Mysore Chief Court shall be polling officers of the constituencies concerned and the Vice-Chancellor and the Chief Judge or such other person as may be appointed by them shall be the appellate authority in respect of all matters connected with the conduct of elections.

Government may by a special order permit election through postal voting in the case of any special interest or group of associations which in the opinion of Government cannot hold the election at a meeting.

By Order,
B. NAGAPPA,
Secretary to Government,
Local and Legislative Departments.

NOTIFICATION NO. P. 2400—LEGIS. 12-23-7, DATED 7TH NOVEMBER 1923.

In exercise of the powers vested under Section 6 (2), (*f*), the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to make the following rules as regards the decisions of doubts and disputes as to the validity of any election to the Representative Assembly and the authorities by which they are to be decided.

1. No election shall be valid if any corrupt practice is committed in connection therewith by the candidate elected or at his instance.

2. A person shall be deemed to commit a corrupt practice within the meaning of these rules:—

(i) Who with a view to induce any voter to give or to refrain from giving a vote in favour of any candidate offers or gives any money or valuable consideration or holds out any promise of individual profit or holds out any threat or injury to any person.

(ii) Who himself or through his agent or at his expense feeds or entertains his voters shortly before or after the poll, or pays the expenses of travel or hired conveyance, in order to induce them to give votes in his favour; or

(iii) Who gives, procures, or abets the giving of a vote in the name of a voter who is not the person giving such vote.

Explanation.—A corrupt practice shall be deemed to be committed by a candidate if it is committed with his knowledge and consent or by a person who is acting under the general or special authority of such candidate with reference to the election. A "promise of individual profit" includes a promise for the benefit of the person himself or of any one in whom he is interested.

3. Every petition against the return of any candidate at an election to the Assembly on the ground of corrupt practice or on the ground of any material irregularity shall be presented in writing to the Deputy Commissioner by any person who was a candidate at the election or by not less than twenty-five voters within one week after the day on which the result of election was declared.

4. The petition shall specify the acts which the objector or objectors allege as amounting to corrupt practice or material irregularity and affecting the result of the election and which he or they are prepared to substantiate; and shall on presentation be supported by a statement made on oath by each objector: Provided that, on sufficient cause being shown, the limit of one week prescribed by this rule may be extended by the Deputy Commissioner.

5. Every objection petition shall be accompanied by a deposit of Rs. 100 (one hundred) as security for all costs, charges and expenses which may become payable by the applicant.

6. (*a*) The petition shall be posted for hearing, and notice thereof shall be given to the candidate whose election has been objected to. The Deputy Commissioner after receiving the explanation of the latter shall hold a summary enquiry as defined in the Land Revenue Code into the allegations and record a finding thereon. If he finds that persons not included in the list of voters have been allowed to vote, he will himself modify the elections by excluding the votes of persons not authorised to vote. If he finds that a candidate is guilty of corrupt practices, he shall order such elections to be invalid and declare the person who has secured the next highest number of votes as the candidate duly elected. An appeal shall lie to Government against the decision of the Deputy Commissioner; and the order of Government will be final.

(*b*) Where the enquiry does not clearly establish the objections alleged, but the Deputy Commissioner doubts the validity of elections, the records together with his opinion will be submitted for orders of Government.

(*c*) After the cases are thus finally disposed of the results of election will be published by the Government in the *Mysore Gazette*.

By Order,

B. NAGAPPA,

Secretary to Government,

Local and Legislative Departments.